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LONDON FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

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SUBJECT: NATO MEETING: PRESIDENT'S BILATERAL
WITH PRIME MINISTER HALLGRIMSSON

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BJORN BJARNASSON OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CALLED
AMBASSADOR THIS AFTERNOON TO INFORM HIM THAT PRIME MINISTER
HALLGRIMSSON WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND
LONDON NATO MEETING (LOCAL LABOR SITUATION CONTINUES
TO EVOLVE TOWARD GENERAL STRIKE) AND VERY MUCH
REGRETTED THAT (PRIME MINISTER)
WOULD THEREFORE BE UNABLE TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT. AMBASSADOR TOLD BJARNASSON HE WAS CERTAIN
PRESIDENT WOULD ALSO REGRET MISSING OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS WITH PRIME MINISTER.

COMMENT. PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN KEEPING HIS FINGER'S
CROSSED ON WHETHER HE COULD MAKE TRIP TO LONDON IN VIEW THREAT OF
GENERAL STRIKE. WE ARE SATISFIED THAT HIS DECISION NOT
TO GO REFLECTS HIS JUDGMENT THAT POSSIBILITY OF STRIKE
BY NEXT WEEKEND REFIRMS HIS CONTINUED BUSINESS HERE.
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